

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

—OF THE—

YELLOW CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

→ PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH, ←

October, 2, 3, and 4, 1897.

OFFICERS:


ELDER T. W. SHELTON, MODERATOR....Blowhorn, Ala.
E. B. GUIN, CLERK.....Winfield, Ala.
J. A. ARMSTRONG, CORRESPONDING, SEC. Moscow, Ala.

The next session of this Association will be held with Zion Baptist Church, Marion County, Ala., 2 miles North of Winfield, Ala., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1898.

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MINUTES,

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The 37th annual session of the Yellow Creek Baptist Association convened with the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church on Saturday, October 2nd 1897, at 11 o'clock a m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T W Shelton

After an intermission of one hour, for dinner, the delegates re-assembled in the church house, by singing. The former moderator and clerk officiating. Prayer by the moderator, and body called to order, and requested the delegates bearing letters from the various churches to lay them on the table, brethren T. M. Woods and J. A. Armstrong acting as reading clerks, and names of delegates enrolled. (See Statistical Table.)

The moderator called for petitionary letters, and the Corinth Baptist Church was received into our fellowship, and delegates names enrolled and seated.

The Association proceeded to permanent organization by electing Elder T. W. Shelton Moderator; E. B. Guin Clerk, and James A. Armstrong Corresponding Secretary.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

1. ON DEVOTION—I. J. Smith, N. L. Truitt, W. O. Minor, with the deacons of Pleasant Ridge Church.
2. ON ARRANGEMENTS—W. C. Woods, B. E. Cunningham and J. J. Weeks.
3. ON DOCUMENTS—E. B. Guin, I. J. Smith, and O. P. Godfrey.
4. ON FINANCE—J. A. Armstrong, J. T. Hill, and W. B. Thomas
5. ON NOMINATIONS—I. J. Smith, W. J. Godfrey and B. F. Blair.

6. ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—W. C. Woods, J. A. Trim and J. W. Cunningham.

7. ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. W. Woods, N. L. Trull, and C. P. Godfrey.

8. ON TEMPERANCE—H. J. D. Hendricks, A. A. Gay, and A. M. Guin.

9. ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS—J. J. Weeks, T. T. Williams and J. H. Holly.

10. ON MISSIONS—S. M. Waldrop, Michael Trim and W. S. Bolin.

11. ON LITERATURE—A. W. Green, Walter Hill, and J. H. Adair.

The moderator called for correspondence, from the different Associations with whom we correspond, and received from Sipsey Association, brother J. M. Davis.

On motion, adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday a m. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Trim, benediction by Bro. W. C. Woods

The Lord's Day

Devotional Committee reported Elder A. W. Green, to preach at 10 o'clock, a m, and Elder T. W. Shelton, followed by Bro. W. C. Woods. Collection was taken up for missions, amounting to \$4.15. Turned over to the Treasurer.

Monday's Proceedings; Oct. 4th 1897.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder S. M. Waldrop.

The moderator announced the body in order for business.

Called for reports of committees, which were handed in as follows:

On Arrangements—Which was read and amended by letting the report of Finance committee be passed till afternoon, which was adopted as amended. (See Appendix A.)

Returned correspondence as follows:

To New River Association: N. L. Trull, J. H. Adair, W. C. Woods, and H. J. D. Hendricks.

To Harmony Grove Association: A. W. Green, J. A. Trim.

To Sipsey (West): W. C. Woods, H. J. D. Hendricks and S. T. Coleman.

Called for report of Committee on Documents: Report read and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

On Nominations: Which was read and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On Ministerial Education: Which was read, and after some speeches in support of the report, was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Collection was taken for the cause of Ministerial Education, amounting to \$8 15

On Sunday Schools: Read, and after discussion by Bro. Halbert, and others, was adopted (See Appendix E.)

On Temperance: Which was read, and after a lengthy speech by Bro. H. J. D. Hendricks, was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

On motion adjourn one hour for dinner. Prayer by Bro. B. E. Cunningham.

Evening Session.

The Association met promptly, and prayer by Bro. H. J. D. Hendricks, and the body called to order for further business.

On Finance: Report read and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Called for the report of Ex-Missionary Board, which was read, and after a long and tedious discussion by the brethren was amended by striking out the word "state" and inserting the word "Association," which was adopted as amended. (See Appendix H.)

Called for the Report of Committee on Missions: Which was read and adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Called for the Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters: Which was read and adopted, (See Appendix J.)

On motion the speakers be limited to 5 minutes in their speeches.

Called for the Report of Missionaries: Which was read and adopted, (See Appendix K.)

Called for Report of District Meeting: Which were adopted, (See Appendix L.)

Called for Treasurer's Report: Read and adopted, (See Appendix M.)

Called for Report of Committee on Literature: Read and adopted, (See Appendix N.)

Called for Miscellaneous Business, On motion Letters of dismission be granted Salem and Shady Grove churches. On motion the money collected for ministerial education be paid over to the Treasurer, to be sent to the Howard College by the clerk. On motion the Treasurer pay over the money sent by the churches, for Missions to the Missionaries. Collection was taken up for missions, to be paid and sent up at the next session of the Association as follows;

South Carolina.....	\$2.50
Bethabara	2.00
Mt. Zion.....	2.00
Walnut Grove.....	
Fellowship.....	2.50
Shiloh	10.00
Blooming Grove.....	5.00
Friendship.....	5.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	2.50
Bethel, Fayette county.....	5.00
Mulberry Springs.....	2.50
Big Springs—not represented,	
Vernon—not represented,	
Meadow Branch.....	
Nails Chapel—not represented,	
Prospect.....	5.00
Antioch	
Spring Hill.....	2.50
Love Joy—not represented,	

Union Chapel.....	2,50
Green Springs.....	.75
Liberty.....	...
Zion.....	5,00
Bethel, Marion county—not represented.	
Corinth.....	2,50
Total.....	\$856,50

On motion, the same Ex-Missionary Board be retained, by adding Bro. W. P Halbert's name, in place of Bro P. M. Woods, deceased.

On motion E. B. Guin was elected Treasurer for next year.

On motion, called the roll, and mark out the names of those absent.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of these minutes printed; reserve for his services \$10.00

On motion, Elders W. C. Woods and A. W. Green were elected as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

W. B. Thomas offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Pleasant Ridge Church, and citizens of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

On motion, we recommend Bro. W. C. Woods, as Colporter of the Yellow Creek Association, to sell Bibles, and other good books, from the Baptist Publication Society.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Zion Baptist Church, Marion county, Ala., 2 miles north of Winfield, Ala., at 11 o'clock a m., on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, A. D. 1898. Prayer by Bro. S. T. Coleman. Then sang a hymn and took the parting hand.

ELDER T. W. SHELTON, MODERATOR.

E. B. GUIN, CLERK.

APPENDIX.

(APPENDIX A.)

REPORT ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Your Committee on Arrangements would report as follows:

To take up business as arranged on last year's minutes.

W. C. WOODS, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX B.)

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on Documents, make the following report:

We find only three items claiming the attention of the Association. Salem and Shady Grove churches asking letters of dismission, and the obituary of Bro. P. M. Woods, which we recommend printed in our minutes this year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. GUIN, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX C.)

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, report, Elder A. Pennington to preach the next introductory sermon; Bro. B. E. Cunningham, alternate.

I G. SMITH, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX D.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE — MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Ministerial Education beg to submit the following; That we still see and feel the great need of a better educated ministry. This is a progressive age, and times demand that our gifts in the ministry should have such education and theological training as would make them edifying, and more useful in ministerial work. Therefore, we would suggest that the pastors of the several churches raise such contributions as they can for said purpose, same to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Association; which to be paid out by order of same when occasion demands.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. WOODS, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX E.)

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools report that we believe that the Sunday School is a great work, and we feel that it is largely the means of imparting biblical

instruction to the young people of our land, in causing them to read and get a better understanding of God's word than they would otherwise, and while we still see improvements along this line, we would urge the pastors and superintendents to press the work of Sunday School organization to the effect that we may soon overcome all opposition and soon have a Sunday School in each and every church in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. WOODS, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX F.)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

So far as the use of intoxicants is concerned, we should so far as we can strictly prohibit its use and sale, this being, as we understand, in accord with the teaching of the word of God.

H. J. D, HENDRICKS, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX G.)

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have collected from the several churches the following amounts:

For Missionary purposes.....	\$74.20
For Foreign Missions.....	1.25
For Minutes, and Associational purposes.....	23.50
Showing a total of.....	<u>\$98.95.</u>

J. A. ARMSTONG, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX H.)

REPORT OF EX-MISSIONARY BOARD.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

The Ex-Board of the Yellow Creek Association met with Shiloh church Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May, 1897, with a bare quorum present, but being impressed by the report of our worthy-brethren who labored for us last year, we feel inclined that the Mission work should still prevail, and viewing the matter thus, the following was the order of the board: That brethren T. W. Shelton, and S. M. Waldrop be employed to labor in the bounds of this Association, and that they confine their

work strictly to the destitute portions of the same, and that they commence their work about the 15th of July, next, and work as above stated up to the meeting of the Association, and that they rely upon the contributions of the churches for remuneration for same. Dear brethren while we feel very grateful to those who have labored for us the past year and for years past, and that the work of the few ministers we have is so much needed in their home churches, we feel inclined to recommend that we co operate with the State Mission work by our contributions and otherwise, that it may be to the effect that we may secure an Evangelist to work for us controlled by the Ex-Board of this Association.

I. J. SMITH, Ch'n.

(APPENDIX 1.)

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

Missions is a great enterprise. It has God for its author; The world for its field, and salvation of man for its object. And seeing there are destitute places, in the bounds of our Association that stand greatly in need of Baptist preaching, and we therefore recommend that this body do all to the encouragement of the churches to the enabling of our ministers to preach to the destitute portion of this Association. S. M. WALDROP, Ch'n

(APPENDIX J.)

REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

Dear brethren:—As servants employed by your Executive Board to labor in the destitution of the Yellow Creek Association, we commenced on the 24th day of July and spent about six weeks preaching in the destitution. We find a great lack of baptist preaching in places and can safely report great destitution. Dear brethren, we have done the best we could under the circumstances, Owing to the short time we could only preach to some of the destitute, and in our judgement, there is great need of a Missionary for his full time for one year, for there could be great good accomplished if there were sufficient time spent in places where there is no preaching and our cause greatly built up, and we believe that there has been good done, and that has blessed our labors. Dear brethren, the work is great, the laborers few, pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send laborers unto the harvest.

T. W. SHELTON,
S. M. WALDROP,
Missionaries.

(APPENDIX K.)

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We, your committee on Digest of Church Letters would submit the following report:

We find but 22 of the 28 churches in our Association represented. Two Sunday Schools reported. Received by Experience and Baptism, 74. By letter, 67. By restoration, 5. Dismissed by letter, 33. Excluded, 10. Deceased, 20. Total membership 1093.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. WEEKS, Ch'n

(APPENDIX L.)

REPORT OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District Meeting will convene with Bethel Baptist church, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1898. Introductory sermon will be preached by Elder J. A. Trim, S. M. Waldrop, alternate. First question: What is the design of the Lord's supper and baptism? Opened by Elder H. J. D. Hendrick. Subject of missions opened by S. M. Waldrop. Subject of Ministerial Education, opened by Jas. W. Woods.

Respectfully submitted,

I. J. Smith, Clerk.

Second District will convene with Liberty Baptist church on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1898, introductory sermon by Elder W. J. Kirk, A. A. Gay, alternate. First question: What is meant by the ten pounds, in the 19 chapter and 13 verse of Luke? Opened by S. Bobo Fridry 3 o'clock p. m. Second question: What did Christ mean by the words, "If I wash thee not thou hath no part with me." John 13 chapter and 8th verse. Opened by A. W. Green, Saturday morning. Third question: Was Judas present at the Lord's supper? Opened by A. W. Green, Saturday evening.

E. B. Guin, Clerk, Second District.

(APPENDIX M.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Yellow Creek Baptist Association:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following as his report for the past year, to-wit:

Received from Finance Committee.....	\$96.15.
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$15.30.

"	Express charges on same.....	1.00.
"	Postage, in all.....	1.03
	Received for services as Clerk.....	10.00.
	Paid Elds. A. W. Green and A. Pennington.....	57.70.
"	Bro. J. E. Green.....	15.20.
	Balance on hand.....	12cts

E. B. GUIN, Treasurer.

(APPENDIX N.)

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Literature, make the following report:

We recommend our brethren to read the Baptist papers in order that we may acquaint ourselves with what the Baptist are doing. By so doing we may be more ready to aid in the works of our Missionary cause and in the enterprises in which our denomination fosters.

A. W. GREEN, Ch'n.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES	POST-OFFICES.	
Elder A. W. Green.....	Guin,	Ala.
" W. C. Woods.....	Bell,	"
" A. Pennington.....	Hightog,	"
" W. J. Kirk.....	Sizemore,	"
" A. J. Mayes.....	"	"
" S. M. Waldrop.....	Cody,	"
" T. W. Shelton.....	Blowhorn,	"
" J. A. Trim.....	Watch,	"
" A. A. Gay.....	Ur,	"
" X W. R. Baker, X.....	Vernon,	"
" H. J. D. Hendricks.....	Baxter,	"
" S. T. Coleman.....	"	"

LICENTIATES.

Bro. O. P. Godfrey.	Bro. V. A. Peeler.
" S. Bobo.	" Jas. W. Woods.
" C. D. Stewart.	" O. L. Corbet.
" B. E. Cunningham.	" J. T. Flippo.

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OBITUARY

Whereas the great and Spreme Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us our esteemed Brother, P. M. Woods, and

Whereas, the long acquaintance and relationship held with him in the faithful discharge of his duty as a citizen; as a

church member: as a husband; as a father, and in fact in every walk of his life, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore,

Resolved: That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in church and community; his contributions and councils will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved: That the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst, leaves a vacancy, and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of this church and will prove a serious loss to the community and church.

Resolved: That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives, of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the church record and that a copy be sent to the Association for publication in the minutes.

